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### CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Claims 1 through 21 (Cancelled).

Claim 22 (New): An adjustably sizeable, protective boot wearable over a shoe or a boot and made from a foldable material, the protective boot having an ankle-covering portion and a foot-covering portion, the foot-covering portion having a toe end, the foot-covering portion being foldable onto itself near the toe end and being fastenable releasably to itself when and where folded onto itself, so as to be adjustably sizable,

wherein the protective boot has a hook-and-loop fastener, which has a hook-faced member and a loop-faced member, one said member adhering to the foot-covering portion, between the toe end and the ankle-covering portion, the other member adhering to the toe end and being fastenable releasably to said one member adhering to the foot-covering portion, and

wherein the protective boot has a hook-and-loop strap, which is drawn around the protective boot and which is fastened releasable to itself and to said one member adhering to the foot-covering portion.

Claim 23 (New): The protective boot of claim 22, wherein the hook-and-loop strap is one of two hook-and-loop straps, each of which is drawn around the protective boot and each of which is fastened releasable to itself and to said one member adhering to the foot-covering portion.

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Claim 24 (New): The protective boot of claim 23, wherein one said strap is drawn around the ankle-covering portion and wherein the other strap is drawn around the foot-covering portion.

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